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For: METHOD OF SEARCHING DOCUMENTS AND A SERVICE FOR
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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May 24, 2005

Sir:

In accordance with the Advisory Action mailed June 25, 2004, the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed December 24, 2003, have been overcome by the Reply filed March 23, 2004. Further, a new Office Action is to be issued, as set forth in the Advisory Action (Item 3). Therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement should be considered without any fee charged to the Applicants. Any required fee, however, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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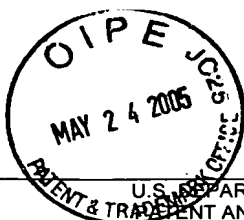
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OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)*

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		"Searching, Browsing, and Metasearching with SenseMaker - Seek and Ye Shall Find", by Michelle Q. Wang Baldonado, New Architect Internet Strategies for Technology Leaders, pgs. 31-36, (including English-language Translated Abstract pgs. 1-4).
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